

AB 2805 (Diaz) – Public utilities: reports and records

As Introduced

Recommendation: SUPPORT

Summary: This bill would provide that information made readily available to the commission at the public utility's Internet Web site satisfies the requirements of delivering copies.

Analysis: Under existing law, utilities are required by the Commission to deliver copies of various materials, including reports, books and records. Existing law also requires the commission to make information available over the Internet. This bill would provide that information be made readily available to the commission at the public utility's Internet Web site in lieu of copy delivery at the Office of the Commission.

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BILL TEXT

INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Diaz

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An act to amend Section 582 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2805, as introduced, Diaz. Public utilities: reports and records.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities. The commission may require public utilities to deliver to the commission, copies of various materials, including reports, books and records. Existing law requires the commission to make information available over the Internet.

This bill would provide that information made readily available to the commission at the public utility's Internet Web site satisfies the requirements of delivering copies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) It is in the interest of the people of the state of California that the Public Utilities Commission refrain from requiring public utilities to deliver paper copies of information to the commission when the information can be made readily available in electronic form.

(b) Allowing public utilities to make information requested by the commission available in electronic form will help decrease the costs of regulation by reducing the need to reproduce, on paper, one or more copies of reports and other information for use by the

commission.

(c) Just as it is in the interest of Californians to obtain the information they need from government quickly and easily via the Internet, it is in the interest of the economy of this state, that the businesses that fuel our economy be allowed to comply with governmental regulation in the most efficient manner. Providing requested information to regulatory agencies via the Internet promotes this goal.

SEC. 2. Section 582 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:

582. Whenever required by the commission, every public utility shall deliver to the commission copies of any or all maps, profiles, contracts, agreements, franchises, reports, books, accounts, papers, and records in its possession or in any way relating to its property or affecting its business, and also a complete inventory of all its property in such form as the commission may direct. *Information made readily available to the commission at the public utility's Internet Web site satisfies the requirements of this section.*